



# The ROAR

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## Parents invited to information session about special education

The Simcoe County District School Board is hosting a series of information sessions for parents/guardians to learn about special education and how to support students with special education needs. The last session takes place this month:

**Date:** May 16

**Time:** 6 to 7 p.m.

**Location:** SCDSB Education Centre, 1170 Highway 26, Midhurst

**Topic:** Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic Individual Education Plan (IEP) Goals

No registration is required. You can also join this session from home via Google Meet using this link: [meet.google.com/zfg-egau-wgp](https://meet.google.com/zfg-egau-wgp). Those joining via Google Meet will need to 'mute' while watching the session to avoid audio feedback. Parents are welcome to type in questions using the chat option in Google Meet during the event.

## Mental Health Awareness Week

May 7th-11th

- Mindful Minute 11:45 daily
- Mental Health Walk May 11th – Wear Green



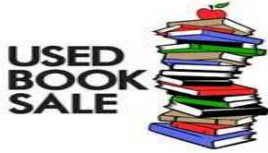
## Science Fair

We are impressed with how our students, families and teachers collaborated to work on this challenging and rewarding learning opportunity. Exemplary critical thinking, observations and analyses were demonstrated by the following members of our Science Fair Team at Bear Creek on April 6 &

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- ♦ **Madison A and Avery T** earned an Honourable Mention for their project on Soda and its chemical effect in Physical Sciences.
- ♦ **Ryan K and Bishop M** earned an Honourable Mention for their project Paper Airplane Launchers in Engineering Sciences.
- ♦ **Abbygail R** won a Bronze Medal for her project on Hydraulics in Physical and Mathematical Sciences.
- ♦ **Colton P and Taisen R** won a Bronze Medal for their project on Hydraulics in Engineering Sciences.

Each year we build our school's understanding of presenting science and our findings. Quite a few students are planning for next year.



On **May 16th, and 17th**, Ardagh Bluffs library is having an “Interesting Sale” of books for our students. Students may pick out a book or two from a large collection of books that are tired of our shelves and want new homes. Some are new, some are like new and some are worn out, but they still work the same way. Students may donate 25 cents, a loonie or **NOTHING AT ALL!** You can’t argue about the price!

### **Class Placements 2018 - 2019 ...**

Current homeroom teachers, in consultation with divisional teachers, involved support staff and the school administration, work to develop balanced classes that strive **to best meet the needs of all students**. All class placement decisions are made after extensive planning, preparation and discussion on the part of these people. Our primary goal is to develop balanced classes that reflect the diversity of our students, and allow the variety of interests, talents, and personality of our students to emerge, and that encourage student achievement through these groupings. We consider many factors such as: learning style, social skills, academic needs, gender, interests/talents, and special needs.

Your child’s teachers have a very good professional understanding of your child’s abilities and needs (both academic and social). A new school year brings new opportunities for all students to grow, meet new friends and expand their circle of acquaintances.

Thank you for putting your trust in us.

Our County Chess Team competed on April 5. Our chess team did really well at the Regional competition. However, at the County Tournament we were shut out of the medals. We were up against really good players which lead to tougher matches.

What stood out was how our students kept a sense of humour in spite of how their games were going, they continued to be good sports and the entire team kept trying right until the end of their last game.

### **Congratulations to our County Chess team:**

Paityn M, Alison C, Keira R, Kailee H, Rachel L, Olivia C, Rhiannon M, Hannah W, Shannon M, John L, and Kevin B.



It's that time of year again for our annual Heart and Stroke fundraiser! We will have a kick-off assembly on May 16th and the pledge forms will go home on May 16th. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 will be participating in a variety of skipping activities on the school field on June 7th, with the rain date on June 8th. The Grade 4 students and Mrs. MacAskill's Grade 5 students will be demonstrating their leadership skills by volunteering as station and team leaders. Pledges can be made online or sent to school. Please help support heart and stroke research and education in our community!



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Commit to  
**Character**

May— Respect

### Grade 8 Yearbook

Buy a Grade Eight Commemorative Yearbook! The best thing about memories is making them... the second best thing is remembering them! Some Ardagh students have been working hard to put these moments together. All graduates are included in the yearbook, displaying their grad picture along with a personal quote. Highlights of the yearbook also include sport teams, clubs, committees, friends, projects and much more! All wrapped up into a 28 page professionally printed book. Yearbooks will be available for purchase until May 10, 2018 and will be directly delivered to classes prior to the end of the school year.

**Cost \$16**

**SCHOOL  
YEARBOOK**

### Kindergarten Yearbook

The Kindergarten staff, in conjunction with Edge Imaging, have developed a Commemorative 2017-2018 Kindergarten Yearbook. This 28 page professionally printed book contains memories from the year from all classes, and each Kindergarten student will have their own individual picture in it along with various candid, class and field-trip pictures. Yearbooks will be available for purchase until May 10, 2018 and will be directly delivered to students/families later in June.

**Cost: \$16**



The Paws for a Cause Team won a contest for our application for ECO Schools Certification. With the winnings we purchased a "Furreal Tiger" cub to join our school. Each month classes will take part in an environmental challenge and could win a chance to foster our baby bengal for a month. Congrats to Mrs. MacAskill's class who had the least amount of contamination in their garbage and recycling. Our school will vote on a name for the little cub soon. We are looking forward to seeing if we get GOLD certification this year with ECO Schools.

### Scholastic Book Fair

June 13 - 18



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**BOOK FAIR**

Coming  
Soon

### Spirit Day

Friday May 4th

Wear your Star Wars  
spiritwear!



### Mother's Day is on its way!

Ardagh Bluffs has partnered with Bradford Greenhouses for a school fundraiser. For every purchase made this season at the Barrie or Bradford store, if you say you are from Ardagh Bluffs P.S the school will get 5% of your order.

Buy your all your garden blooms and support our school!

Bradford Greenhouses  
**GARDEN GALLERY**

### Applications open for 2018-19 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

Parents/guardians play a vital role in public education, and Ontario's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants are designed to encourage parents'/guardians' involvement in their children's education to support student achievement and well-being. PRO grants are provided to select applicants who develop projects, events or training in support of parent/guardian engagement. Applications are due by June 5. Find out more: [www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/).



### Register now for Before & After School Programs for September 2018

Register now for child care at our school next school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2018 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by **June 30, 2018**. Please contact SEEDS at (705) 726-3770 to register your child(ren).

### Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Expo takes place May 17

The Simcoe County District School Board's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and partners are hosting the Simcoe Muskoka Skilled Trades Exposition on May 17. There are two parts to the event – a day session for Grade 8 students only and an evening portion open to the public. From 5 to 7 p.m., the public is welcome to attend to speak to employers and industry experts. The Expo takes place at the Elmvale Community Arena, located at 14 George St. in Elmvale. For more information, email [edo@simcoe.ca](mailto:edo@simcoe.ca).

### Summer child care options available

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) supports your child care needs by offering full-day child care programs in select schools across Simcoe County. Twenty schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten age to 12 years old. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information can be found on our website at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) – click on 'Schools' then 'Before & After School Care.'

### Summer camp can be a life-changing experience

According to a recent study from the University of Waterloo, the positive development that children and youth experience at summer camp results in sustained behavioural changes at home, school and in the community. Friendships blossom, self-confidence emerges and independence grows – helping children and teens build resilience to help them face new challenges throughout their lives. Here are four life skills fostered at summer camp:

**Increased independence and self-confidence** – Camp is the perfect place for kids to practice making decisions for themselves without parents and teachers guiding their every move.

**Making new friends and being part of a positive group** – Free from the social expectations pressuring them at school, camp encourages kids to relax and make friends easily.

**Increased environmental awareness** – When children are connected to their environment, they are healthier and happier. Summer camp provides kids with the opportunity to “unplug” from technology and enrich their perception of the world, while enjoying the great outdoors.

**Improved attitudes towards physical activity** – Children spend so much time indoors these days and mostly sitting down. A recent Statistics Canada study found that only seven per cent of youth aged six to 19 got the recommended hour a day of exercise they need. Summer camp is a great way for kids to get outside and move.

The benefits of camp are plenty – from life lessons beyond the classroom to appreciating nature and building confidence and leadership skills. Learn more about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka camps at [YMCASummerCamp.Ca](http://YMCASummerCamp.Ca).

*Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka*



# May

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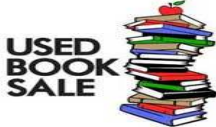
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6	7 School Council Meeting 6pm	8	9	10	11	12
<b>MENTAL HEALTH WEEK</b>						
13 Mother's Day 	14	15	16 	17	18 PD Day	19
20	21 Victoria Day	22 EQAQ starts	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		